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1764

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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/375,615

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

R. Yildirim

Art Unit

1762

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to *count of 1/31/01*.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are *10 - 30*.

3.  The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable as formal drawings.

4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).  
 a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:  
 1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

5.  Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

6.  Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

7.  Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS  
 (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached  
 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No. *3*.  
 (b)  including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.  
 (c)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8.  Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

**Attachment(s)**

1  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
 3  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
 5  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. *4*.  
 7  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

2  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
 4  Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 6  Examiner's Amendment/Comment  
 8  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  
 9  Other

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### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach or suggest the claimed conversion and product selectivities under claimed conditions (i.e. spinel support-temperature-res. time).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bekir L. Yildirim whose telephone number is (703) 308-3586 .

B.L.Y.

April 9, 2001



Bekir L. Yildirim  
Primary Examiner



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NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE

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TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND CATALYST STRUCTURE FOR STEAM REFORMING OF A HYDROCARBON

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEES DUE	DATE DUE
1 B-1482	423-651.000	E83	UTILITY	YES	\$620.00	07/09/01

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